

## FEBRUARY 8, 2009

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb. 7, 5:00 PM: Barbara Dziekiewicz +  
Sunday, Feb. 8, 8:30 AM: Shannon Anne Maggi +  
Sunday, Feb. 8, 10:00 AM: Angelina Minichiello +

### 2009 Archbishop's Appeal

Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Archbishop Wuerl. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2009 Archbishop's Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish to include Eucharistic Minister Training sessions, Lector's Workshops, and Marriage Mentors.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "For the Glory of God" (1 COR. 10:31). Clearly, everything that we do to live out our faith gives glory to God. Our contributions to our parish and our Archdiocese multiply the glory that we give to our God by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

Fr. Crowley will be speaking on the Archbishop's Appeal this weekend following all Masses.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the 2009 Archbishop's Appeal.

### Offertory Envelopes

Our parish records only gifts made through our envelope system. If you wish to give cash or a check, but have forgotten your envelope that week, please use our "visitor" envelopes (in the literature rack in the vestibule) and clearly print your name, and envelope number so you will receive credit for your gift. If you do not use your envelopes, putting your envelope number on a loose check will not ensure that you receive credit for your gift.

If you don't currently receive envelopes, but wish to receive them, please call the parish office. Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish.



### Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels program is currently seeking volunteers. If you are interested in working with this special organization that helps those in need/homebound, please contact Kathy at (301)-843-8295.

### Prayer Requests

For those dealing with illness, especially, Maria Hayes, Ann Pollok, Mike Berkeley, Val Alva, Don Sullivan, Lynn Norgren, and for all of our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Deacon Rodney Forbes and David Wray.

### The Altar Guild Bake Sale

The OLHC Altar Guild will also be sponsoring a Bake Sale after all Masses on **February 21 & 22, 2009**. Donations of baked goods, homemade candies, etc., will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to contribute these items, you may leave them on the table before Mass or in the Social Hall kitchen.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

On February 14, 2009, there will be a workshop for Extraordinary Ministers at St. Joseph Parish Hall, in Pomfret, MD., from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Presenters will be Rev. Mark Smith and Rev. Walter Tappe. You are asked to bring a brown bag lunch and beverages will be provided. Cost is \$5.00 per person. **If you are interested in attending. Please call the Archdiocese Office of Worship to pre-register and to use the same number in case of inclement weather: 301-853-4594.**



### Morning Mass Attendees

The 9:00 AM daily Mass attendees are sponsoring a Pot Luck Breakfast to be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009, following the 9 AM Mass. All parishioners are welcome and invited to bring their favorite dish to share!

### Baptism Class

You must pre-register if you plan on attending a Baptism Class at Our Lady Help of Christians. Please call the office to sign up for the class.

Baptism classes are scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month. Baptisms are held the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Parents must be **registered members** of our parish to schedule a Baptism at OLHC.

### Just a Remind

All meetings on the Parish Calendar must be approved by the Pastor prior to reserving the date/area.

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**Confirmation Workshop:** There is a Confirmation workshop scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 6:30-8:00 PM, and Saturday, Feb. 14 from 10:00-11:00 AM. Confirmandi and parent must attend either session.



**First Communion Workshop:** There is a First Communion Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 6:30-8:00 PM and Saturday, Feb. 21 from 10:00-11:30 AM. Parent and child must attend either session.

**No Classes:** There are **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** on Sunday, February 15 and Monday, February 16 due to the President's Day holiday.

## Preschool News

**Registration:** is open for all classes. Our Lady's Little Christians is an early learning program for children 3 and 4 years of age. We are licensed by the MD State Department of Education, Office of Child Care. Please call 301-645-7112 and speak with the OLLC Director, Ms. Nieda Billard, to schedule an appointment to register.



**OLLC Chick-fil-A Spirit Night:** is Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 5:00–7:00 PM. Please come out and support the little ones! A portion of all sales during that two hour time frame return to OLLC.

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## Community Bulletin Board

- ◆ **St. Valentine's Dinner Party:** on Feb. 14, 2009, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park, 6-10 PM. Tickets only \$15 per person. Includes: shrimp cocktail, fruit, cheeses, anti-pasto, salmon or lemon caper chicken, saffron rice, dessert, etc. Contact Cookie Pontzer for info or email [pontzer@md.metrocast.net](mailto:pontzer@md.metrocast.net).
- ◆ **February Dinner:** sponsored by 7th District Optimist Club. Feb. 22, 2009, 12 noon til... Mechanicsville Firehouse Social Hall. Fried Oysters, spiced shrimp, stuffed ham, fried chicken, free raw bar w/dinner. Adults-\$23; Kids, 6-12-\$8; Kids, 5 & under-free. Carry-outs available .
- ◆ **Franciscan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Jordan, & Sinai:** June 1-12, 2009. Join us for this wonderful experience, escorted by Fr. David Wathen. O.F.M. Call Jenny at 202-669-7214 for more info.

**YOUTH GROUP: Feb. 8, 2009:** Meeting in the Social Hall, 6:30–8:00 PM, with games, discussion, and refreshments. Any youth interested in snow-tubing, please contact Joe Meszaros at [jmesz3065@aol.com](mailto:jmesz3065@aol.com) or 301-609-8761. New members are welcome!

### Parish Meetings

Altar Guild Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7:00 PM

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 12, 7:00 PM

### Inclement Weather Policy

If the Charles County schools are either on a two hour delay or closed due to weather conditions, the weekday Mass will not be held. The parish office will follow the Charles County School's closing/delay/early dismissal due to weather conditions.

### Note of Interest

Those parishioners requiring a 2008 collection print-out for over \$250.00, please call the office with your request. The forms can be picked up or mailed to your home per your preference.

### Women's Vocation Retreat

The Benedictine Sisters of Virginia will be holding a Monastic Discernment Weekend for single, Catholic women on Feb. 20-22, 2009. For more information contact Sister Vicki, Ix, OSB, Director of Vocation Ministry at 703-298-5337 or [vocations@osbva.org](mailto:vocations@osbva.org).